

## News Advisory

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## State Charitable Fund And Organ Donor Drive Kicks Off

State employees donated nearly a half million dollars last year alone!

Organ donation registration to be added this year

**What:** This year twenty thousand State employees will get the opportunity to donate

toward their favorite causes with one simple payroll deduction in the "Bee Charitable. Don't Hide in the Hive," Utah State Employees' Charitable Fund

and Organ Donor Registry Drive.

Last year, state employees contributed nearly a half million dollars to the Fund. At Thursday's campaign kickoff state officials will challenge state employees to continue their generosity as well as consider organ donation for

the first time this year as another way to be charitable.

**Why:** This charitable program recognizes that each charitable contribution makes a

difference in promoting self-reliance and enhancing quality of life for all

Utahns.

When: Thursday, October 14, 2004

10:30 a.m. - Campaign Kickoff

11:30 a.m. – Media availability for speakers

Where: Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Multipurpose

Room, 250 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City

**Who:** Dr. Scott D. Williams, Executive Director, Utah Department of Health and

2004 Charitable Campaign Chairperson

Gary Doxey, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office

Senator Karen Hale, "Workplace Partnership for Life Organ Donation

Program."

Numerous charities that will benefit from the donations will be available at the

campaign kickoff, including:

Don Anderson, Wasatch Community Gardens

Diane Spencer, Family Support Center

Julie Castle, No More Homeless Pets in Utah